

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

18th February 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm
ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am
Monday-Friday: 10am
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

LENTE PRAYERS
Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in St Peter's by Fr Kingsley at 6pm each Wednesday evening during Lent.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow (we pray for vocations to the priesthood) and the prayers will finish with benediction.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE
Bus available from St Paul's Church 24th February to Dublin for Divine Mercy Conference.
Bus price £20. £10 deposit required. €35 into Conference.
Names and deposit can be left into Divine Mercy, William Street.
A Draw will take place for free entry to the Conference for 5 places.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
11th February - £2781.33
Donations - £65
Car Park - £30.50
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
Stay Awake – show solidarity with the homeless – group challenge to stay awake from 7 pm to 7 am – time spent indoors and outdoors - learn from those who work with the homeless.
Knock Volunteering Program for Youth – 15 to 18 years – June 28 - 30, July 26 - 29 – include climbing Croagh Patrick and August 16 – 19, helping with Novena and family day.
If you are interested in any of the above or want more information email Frances at youthdirector@dromorediocese.org include your mobile number or phone 028 30833898

Community Outreach Group is sponsoring a talk by Danielle McElhinney, Public Policy Officer for Evangelical Alliance N.I. The theme of the talk is **"The Cost-of-Living Crisis"** Evangelical Alliance makes Government bodies aware of the disproportionate impact of the rising cost of living on low-income families. This is a very timely subject since a vast number of families are affected by the fast rise in living costs. The talk is held on Wednesday, 21 February at 8pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Please come and bring anyone who would benefit from the information. *Everyone welcome*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
With Fr Jozef Friday
6.00pm - 6.45pm

Holy Baptism
All parents wishing to have a child baptised in St Peter's Parish, must notify the Parish Office in person. One month's notice is required.
Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.30pm

POINTS TO PONDER DURING LENT
Even though the Church no longer asks us to observe the severe Lenten penances of former times, it is surely fitting that we make some form of preparation. It should be a time of personal reflection on where we stand as Christians. Only a little reflection will convince us that, on the one hand, there are many ways in which we fail through word and action, through our thoughts and through our failure to be the kind of people that the Gospel challenges us to be. But our reflections should not only focus on the negative. What are the positive things that should be part and parcel of my daily life? What kind of person am I in relation to my family, friends, working colleagues and other people with whom I come in contact? How active am I as a member of my Christian community e.g. my parish? What difference do I make to other people's lives? What do I do within my limitations, to help eradicate the abuses which are part of our society? These are just some of the questions I can ask myself during these six weeks, it is never too late to get started. Let us not rigidly think that, because Ash Wednesday has already come and gone, I cannot start today. Remember that even those who came to the vineyard at the eleventh hour were paid the same amount. But the earlier I start the better.

RIGHT TO LIFE 'Take Action'
Please support an amendment to reduce abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks.
Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.

An Information & Support Event organised by the Department for Communities in collaboration with ABC Council will take place on Thursday 22 February in Lurgan Town Hall 1.00pm - 3.00pm
The free event is open to everyone, booking is not required.
Attendees will be able to access free advice and information on a range of cost-of-living issues from organisations such as the Consumer Council, Energy Advice NI, NI Housing Executive and a range of local partners. Department for Communities staff from Universal Credit, Make the Call, Debt recovery and Discretionary Support will also be on hand to advise people on any additional supports to which they may be entitled.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES
ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
Can we please ask, the small coins be bagged or changed into notes.

Hospice Musical Evening
St Ronan's College, Arthur Street entrance
Thursday 22nd February 7pm
All donations to Southern Area Hospice

"The 34th Anniversary of the Tom McAleenan Memorial Quiz in aid of Marie Curie will be held at the Goodyear Sports & Social Club on Friday 23rd February at 8pm.
Everyone is very welcome to support this worthy cause".

GRAND CHARITY NIGHT In Aid of N.I. Air Ambulance
Friday 23rd February in Ashburn Hotel. Doors open 8pm
Special Guests:
Country Harmony, Gene Fitzpatrick, Katie McParland, Hugo Duncan, Kevin Kearney, Box Car Brian & Leon.
Tickets available from Ashburn Hotel @ Colleen's Kitchen or pay at the door.
Show starts @ 9pm Adm £13

"Couch to Ceili!"
St Peter's Parish Hall
No partner/experience necessary
11am-1230 each Thursday
Info: 07788 730 429
www.annettecollins.com

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024
Anyone wishing to go as a Pilgrim, Fare is **£795**
Single Room supplement £200.
Please apply to: The Secretary Lurgan Lourdes Committee
Rosemary McGuinness
29 Hunters Lodge
LURGAN BT66 6NB
Or call 077 9631 0214.

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Monday 19th February 2024: @7:30pm in Newry Parish Centre
The Society is delighted to welcome Dr Geraldine Foley of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland to present a talk entitled **"From Newry to 'Demerari': James Blair, merchant, sugar planter and slave owner."**
Newry man James Blair was an owner of plantations in the West Indies. He entered Parliament in 1818 to protect the interests of slave-owners. Blair sat in the House of Commons from 1818 to 1830, and later from 1837 to 1841.

2024 TOURS
The Italian Job
Join us in beautiful Italy in the *Hotel Miami, Lido di Jesolo.* 7 nights half board and a full day trip to Venice
Flying Belfast-Venice
Dept. 17 September with coach transfers - £799pps.
Airline require deposit of £100 by 23rd February.
Clonakilty & West Cork
9 September – 5 Day Tour £429
For more information or to book any of the above Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 3832 4741
Easy payment plan available.

NOTICE
Requests for Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon on the Wednesday of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.
The minimum diocesan stipend is £10. As we have a booking system, anniversaries can be booked in advance.
Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church

RECENTLY DECEASED
Gerry Gillen, Dingwell Park
Urszula Stepien, Russell Drive
Francis (Junior) McMahon, Killough Gardens
Mary Caffrey, Oakleigh Fold

MONTH'S MIND
Tuesday 20th February
Andy Hyndman, Conor Park
Saturday 24th February
Joe France, Oakleigh Heights

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 18th February
Phyllis Haughey, North Street
Kathryn (Katie) Hannity, Ashford Grange
Dylan McKay, Annesborough Park
Hugh Lennon, Shore Road
John McVeigh, Kilwilke Gardens
Noel Wright, Lurgan Tarry
Winifred O'Hara, Annadroughal
Mary Ellen Scullion, Mary Street

Monday 19th February
Margaret (Maggie) Derby, Brownlow Terrace
Bridie Venard, Donnelly Gardens
Catherine McAneny, Grattan Street
Hugh Thompson, North Street

Tuesday 20th February
Baby Aedh McKeown, Oakfields
Stella McCrory, Liscorran Road
Maureen McCorry, Levin Road
Ebby Corey, Lincoln/Wellington Street
Pat Devlin, Garland Heights
Jim Smyth Jnr, Old Portadown Road

Wednesday 21st February
Gerry Fagan, Lake Street
Angela Power, Killough, Co Down
Sean Kearney, Lurgan Tarry

Thursday 22nd February
Mark Magee, Allengrove
James O'Neill, Richmount Gardens
Elizabeth Fox, Wesley Place
Gemma Harte, Sperrin Drive
Elizabeth McGibbon, Shore Road
John McDonald, Oakleigh Fold
Molly Patterson, Wellington Street
James Doran, Clara Street
William Henderson, Tannaghmore North
Brendan & Isaac Henderson, Ennis Close
Henry McPartland, Windsor Avenue

Friday 23rd February
Raymond McNally, Albert Terrace
Malachy Derby, Brownlow Terrace
Kathleen Lavery, Oakfield Terrace
Lily McInerney, Antrim Road
Eddie Mallon, North Circular Road
Liz & Eddie Toman, Edward Street
Sean McGeown, Ashgrove Park
Francis Ryan, Moortown
John Joe Hogan, Clara Street

Saturday 24th February
Edward (Ted) Breen, Brownlow Terrace
Francis Blaney, Deramore Drive
Una Magee, Windsor Avenue
Sarah Jane McGeown, Kilmaine Street
Francis McAlinden, Ballinarty Road North
Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord